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Hon. Katharine S. Hayden U.S. District Court Judge U.S. P.O. & Courthouse Bldg. P.O. Box 999
Newark, NJ 07101-0999

Re: New York Susquehanna & Western Railway Corp. v. New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection, et al., CV-05-4010 (KSH)

Dear Judge Hayden:

This letter is submitted on behalf of Defendant/Third Party Plaintiff New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") in response to the proposed order of dismissal filed in the referenced action by Third Party Defendant MHF Logistical Solutions, Inc. ("MHF"). MHF relies on the October 4, 2007 hearing in this case for its proposed order. However, the parties have recently undertaken settlement discussions. Entry of this order could thwart these multiparty settlement efforts.

Accordingly, the DEP requests that the Court withhold signing the proposed order to afford the parties additional time to attempt to resolve the matter. The parties intend to discuss the status of these settlement discussions with U.S. Magistrate Judge



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Falk at the telephone conference already scheduled for tomorrow, November 28, 2007. We thank the Court for its attention.

Respectfully,

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